California School for the Blind

Department of Rehabilitation

Course Description of the SUMMER TRANSITION EDUCATION PROGRAM 2017 Session: July 9, 2017 – July 29, 2017

The Summer Transition Education program (STEP) in Fremont is a cooperative venture between the State Department of Rehabilitation and the California School for the Blind. Participants in this program are public high school students or graduates from public school, ages 16 – 21. Students must be clients of the Department of Rehabilitation.

Enrollment is limited to 10 students who reside in the CSB Apartment Complex.

Classes/activities begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 10 p.m. Monday – Friday. Weekend skill building activities begin at 9 a.m. and end after 10 p.m., depending on the stamina of students and staff.

The program focus is on Career Awareness/Exploration, Computer Technology, Daily Living Skills and Orientation & Mobility. Also scheduled are experiential trips to the Orientation Center for the Blind in Albany, Hatlen Center for the Blind, San Francisco Lighthouse, a Job Shadowing Experience, weekend experiences which allow students time to enjoy the Bay Area's recreation/leisure options (i.e. touring a city, attending an event) while putting into practice skills learned in the daily classes. Using public transportation, use of money, team work, etiquette and socialization are just a few of the skills practiced during the weekend activities. **Students must participate in all classes, seminars and activities.** We do not offer optional classes, seminars or activities.

Seminars/recreational activities are offered during the evening hours which may include, but are not limited to: Learning about funding sources, SSI, Social Skills, Decision Making, Self-Advocacy, Science, Art, Music, Swimming, Dance Therapy, Self-Defense, Mall Exploration, etc.

There are scheduled activities for the weekend or students may select an activity. If the activity is more expensive than the offered event, students pay a portion of the cost. There are no other costs to students or families. Below are pictures of some of the activities during STEP.



O&M lesson, learning to drive a cart



Fun day at Great America



Evening seminars

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